

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 19th day of May, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Galen “Tweet” Tveit, Brian Napstad, Laurie Westerlund, Paul Bailey, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Central Service Secretary Nicole Visnovec.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and carried, all members voting yes to approve the May 19, 2009 amended agenda.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the May 12, 2009 meeting minutes.

**ACKNOWLEDGE
MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Tveit carried, four members voting yes, Westerlund abstained, voting to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Correspondence File: May 12, 2009 – May 18, 2009; B) Approve Minutes: April 28, 2009 Board; C) Approve Grant in Aid Trail Funding; D) Approve Auditor Warrants – Sales and Use Tax – General Fund \$8,712.96, Road and Bridge \$835.62, Health and Human Services \$238.00, State \$6,548.50, Trust \$1,265.00, Forest Development \$1.53, Long Lake Conservation Center \$76.28 for a total of \$17,677.89; E) Approve 2008 Audit Contract with State Auditor’s Office.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve Grant in Aid Trail Funding.

**RESOLUTION
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GRANT IN AIDE
TRAIL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Local units of government can apply for State Aide for trail development, maintenance, grooming and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 65% reimbursement of the cost of trail maintenance and 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, Snowmobile clubs have maintained these trails in the past, and wish to contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2009-2010 winter season, and

WHEREAS, these trails benefit the winter recreation, resort, industry, and economy of Aitkin County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grants in Aide assistance funds for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, and ski trail maintenance and grooming for the following trails.

Aitkin Sno-Drifters Trails	72.1 miles
McGrath/Finlayson Trails	36.9 miles
Tamarack Trails	134.7 miles
Haypoint Trails	136.2 miles
Palisade Trails	77.6 miles
Mille Lacs Trails	105.4 miles
No Achen / LLCC ski trails	15 miles

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the 2009-2010 winter season for the development, maintenance, and grooming of the

<p>aforementioned trails with each of the corresponding interested clubs.</p>	<p>ATV PURCHASE</p>
<p>Scott Turner, County Sheriff gave an overview of the need to purchase an ATV. Motion by Commissioner Napstad seconded by Commissioner Tveit, all members voting to approve the purchase of a 500 EFI ATV from Hilltop Sports of Hill City in the amount of \$6,349.00.</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE FILLING POSITIONS</p>
<p>Patrick Wussow, County Administrator presented a personnel committee recommendation to fill the Appraiser position. Mike Dangers, County Assessor addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Bailey, second by Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Appraiser position with the option to cease depending upon the budget.</p>	
<p>Another recommendation was brought to the board to fill the H&HS Office Support Specialist position. Tom Burke, H&HS Director addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Napstad, second by Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Office Support Specialist position.</p>	
<p>A recommendation was made to the board to fill the Human Resources Specialist position and Administrative Assistant Position with the elimination of the Central Service Secretary position. Angie Kjelstrom, Interim Human Resource Manager and Patrick Wussow, County Administrator addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Tveit, second by Westerlund and carried, four voting yes, (nay Bailey) to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Human Resources Specialist position and Administrative Assistant Position with the elimination of the Central Service Secretary position.</p>	
<p>Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following County Board of Equalization Meeting Date:</p>	<p>BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RECONVENE MTG DATE</p>
<p>County Board of Equalization Reconvene Meeting Date of Tuesday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County Administrator led the Board in discussion about the End of 2009 Legislative Session held on May 18th.</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE SESSION END</p>
<p>Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director, requested that a board member be appointed to WCA Appeals Board. Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve appointing Commissioner Wedel to the WCA Appeals Board.</p>	<p>APPOINT BOARD MEMBER</p>
<p>During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) Snake River, ii) Lakes and Pines, iii) Park Board, iv) DAC, v) Planning Commission, vi) 70 Mile ATV Trail, vii) MHB, viii) Big Sandy Lake Watershed.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE UPDATES</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. until Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. A tour and luncheon at the Aitkin County Historical Society will follow after adjournment.

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator